

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 22, 2005. In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Greco et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0120680 A1) in view of Heston (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0019741 A1).

By the present response, Applicant submits that the remarks and arguments below overcome the rejection by the Patent Office and places the application in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Greco et al. in view of Heston, Applicant submits that this rejection is improper for the reasons that follow.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office asserts:

Greco et al. teaches a method and system for providing electronic document services, comprising:

Claims 1 and 12,

providing a service provider server and user (client) computer...

providing a database accessible by the user...
inputting user unique information into the database via the user computer... utilizing demographic and/or geographical information...

selecting a type of communication by one of the users...

automatically delivering an item by one of said document-related services...[and]

generating and transferring user fees, postage costs, and special service mail provider costs [0097].

However, Greco does not specifically teach that said forms include forms, which are used for creation [of] said document (communication).

Further, the Patent Office asserts that:

Heston teaches a method and system for performing legal services over the internet, wherein a client is presented with a choice of legal documents to be created. In use, the client selects the legal document that he wants to prepare, and enters into the legal document form necessary information to create the legal document.

However, independent Claim 1, as previously presented, requires a system to assist a user with preparation and mailing of a communication requiring delivery by a special service wherein the special service has fees associated with postage and services to effect the delivery by the special service. The system has a computer accessible site that automatically prepares the communication and provides for automatic payment of the fees associated with the postage and the services required to effect the delivery by the special service.

Further, independent Claim 1, as previously presented, requires a computer that accesses a database that is remotely located with respect to the computer. The database stores the communication, stores instructions to assist the user to complete the communication, stores criteria regarding selection of the special service appropriate for the delivery of the

communication and stores requirements to effect the delivery of the communication by the special service. Still further, independent Claim 1, as previously presented, requires the communication to be selected via the computer, automatically prepared in compliance with the requirements of the delivery by the special service and automatically mailed by the special service.

Independent Claim 12, as previously presented, defines a method for assisting with preparation and automatic mailing of a communication requiring delivery by a special service. The method has the steps of providing a computer-accessible site and providing a database accessible by a user via the computer-accessible site. The database is remotely located with respect to the user. Further, the database stores instructions to assist the user to complete the communication, stores criteria regarding selection of the special service appropriate for the delivery of the communication, stores requirements to effect the delivery of the communication by the special service, stores the communication, and stores a directory of mailing addresses that is accessed to confirm an address of a recipient of the communication.

Moreover, independent Claim 12, as previously presented, requires the step of inputting information into the database regarding demographics of the user wherein the requirements to

effect the delivery of the communication by the special service are based on the demographics of the user. Further, independent Claim 12, as previously presented, requires the steps of selecting a geographical region within which the communication is to be delivered and preparing the communication according to selection of the geographical region. Still further, independent Claim 12, as previously presented, requires the steps of automatically mailing the communication, generating fees, postage costs, and special service mail provider costs, and automatically paying the fees.

In the Final Rejection, the Patent Office asserts, "Information as to special service is non-functional language and given no patentable weight." However, independent Claim 1, as previously presented, requires a system to assist a user with preparation and mailing of a communication requiring delivery by a special service wherein the special service has fees associated with postage and services to effect the delivery by the special service. Therefore, Applicant submits that special service is specifically defined and should be given patentable weight. Notice to that effect is requested.

In the Final Rejection, the Patent Office asserts, "Greco teaches a database accessible by the user; said database resides in said service provider server remotely from the user computer [0080]; wherein said database contains information relating to

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